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Dear FDA,

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I am writing to express opposition to the wholly inadequate FDA's proposed new rules on the GM foods. Voluntary labeling is no labeling at all. I know more about the contents of the motor oil i use than what is in many foods on supermarket shelves today. What is needed IMMEDIATELY is:

To label GE foods and foods containing ge ingredients so that i can make an informed decision about a product.

GE foods should not be assumed to be safe and should be subject to mandatory premarket safety testing.

There must be a moratorium on all GE foods until long-term studies show they are safe for human health and the environment.

There are far too many instance to point to in recent history where the government has failed to act to protect its citizens only later to discover it was poisoning them. Once you have liver cancer, it just isn't good enough to say, "Sorry, we didn't know." Now is the opportunity to know.

The secret way in which GM foods were pushed onto unsuspecting consumers by not informing them from the start has proven disastrous. Continuing to without information we have the right to will only fan the fire.

Sincerely,

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